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(c) whether any person, who paid for the bets, was also sentenced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 2,367.

" (b) 2,770.

" (c) Yes, Sir."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" ஸார், 1953–ம் வருஷம் கோர்ட்டிலே வசூலிக்கப்பட்ட அபராதத் தொகை எவ்வளவு ? சூதாட்டத்தை ஒழிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் கூடிய சீக்கிரம் சட்டம் கொண்டுவருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the total figure of fines collected. If a separate question is put, I shall give the figure, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. the Finance Minister, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that one Mr. Muthu having lost a large sum by betting over this kind of New York Cotton prices committed suicide and left a letter to that effect on his person which was taken by the Police? In view of such grave instances, will the Government take immediate action at least in the future to stop this kind of betting? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This betting is illegal and it comes under the provisions of the City Police Act and we are taking action under that Act. But, in spite of this. I agree this practice exists to a certain extent. We are trying our best to put it down."

Construction of an anicut across the Arniyar.

* 399 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for the construction of the Arniyar anicut near Pulikundram, Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, at what stage it stands at present?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) The Government are constructing an anicut across the Araniar at Suratpalli about three miles from Pulikundram as part of their Araniar project. The construction of the anicut is nearing completion. The stages of construction up to the end of January 1954 is as follows :—

(i) *Body wall.*— 300′ 0″ length has been completed. For 190′ 0″ body wall has been raised for 2′ 0″ height. For the balance length, viz., 26′ 0″ piles were sunk.

(ii) *Groyne wall.*—Built to a height of 13′ 0″ out of 14′ 0″.

(iii) *Scour and head sluices.*—Walls raised to a height of 14′ 0″ above floor level.

(iv) *Flood bank formed.*—Right side.—1000′ 0″.
Left side.—200′ 0″.

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SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" I have put a specific question requesting the Government to state whether any proposal is pending before them to construct an anicut near Pulikundram. That has not been answered. May I request the Hon. the Minister for Public Works to kindly state whether any such proposal is pending before the Government, Sir? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no proposal to construct an anicut at Pulikundram, because it is three miles from the place where we propose to construct the anicut. Therefore the proposal to construct the anicut at Pulikundram has been given up."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" May I know whether any representation was received from the villagers of so many villages who were under the estate and whether it is pending with the Government? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I want notice, Sir."

Government Hospital at Nagapattinam.

* 400 *Q*.—SRI N. SIVARAJ : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the status of the Government hospital at Nagapattinam in Tanjore district was reduced in 1952; and

(*b*) whether the Government received any memoranda from the public of Nagapattinam town and the concerned Municipal Council in 1952 and 1953 requesting the Government to restore the original status of the Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

SRI N. SIVARAJ :—" தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலேயே இரண்டாவது பெரிய ஆஸ்பத்திரியானது நாகப்பட்டணம் சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரிதான். ஐம்பதாயிரம் ஜனத்தொகைக்கு அதிகமாக உள்ளது நாகப்பட்டணம் முனிசிபாலிடி. அங்கு ஜில்லா மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட் காரியாலயம் இருப்பதால் ஆஸ்பத்திரிக்கு ஏராளமான பேர்கள் வைத்தியத்திற்கு வருகிறார்கள். அப்படியிருக்கும்போது நாகப்பட்டணம் ஆஸ்பத்திரியிலிருந்த ஸிவில் ஸர்ஜன் பதவியை எடுத்துவிட்டதால், அதனுடைய அந்தஸ்து குறைந்திருக்கிறதென்பதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்வதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Generally, we have Civil Surgeons at District Headquarters Hospitals. This is not a District Headquarters Hospital, Sir."

SRI S. VADIVELU :—" அந்த ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் படுக்கை வசதிகள் போதாது என்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தகவல் வந்திருக்கிறதால் மேற்படி ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் போதுமான படுக்கை வசதி செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This question relates to the posting of Civil Surgeons and not to bed strength, Sir."